Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI)

Changing the Course of Diabetes

Tremendous improvements in diabetes outcomes are happening for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) people. Read the Special Diabetes Program for Indians 2020 Report to Congress to learn more.

$147 million/year*

472,656 AI/AN Served | 1,256 Employed

*The amount for FY2022 and FY2023 after mandatory sequestration

The majority of SDPI grantees are tribal programs

256 Tribes

15 IHS Facilities

21 Urban Indian Organizations

There are 302 SDPI program sites in 35 states

Diabetes services at SDPI sites all increased since 1997

Health outcomes for AI/AN people with diabetes have been improved or maintained

1996 to 2022 Average blood sugar down 11%

1998 to 2022 Average LDL cholesterol down 25%

>20 years Blood pressure has been well controlled

2015 to 2022 Tobacco use down 28%

The SDPI has generated awareness and knowledge, two critical contributors to diabetes related successes in Indian Country. We need continued momentum to help with this devastating disease.

– Connie Barker, Tribal Legislator - Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Co-Chair/Oklahoma City Area Representative, Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee

1 Source: Evaluation of the SDPI
2 Source: IHS Diabetes Care and Outcomes Audit